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Dr. Joshua Lederberg,
Stanford Medical Center,
Palo Alto, Cal.

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I hope you still are in
as good a mood as when this picture was taken;
at any rate, here it is as a memento of the
occasion.

The Russian Cosmonaut's flight did a good
deal to alter the orientation of our piece. As
you know, it had not been my intention originally
to spend as much time as ultimately we felt we
must in the current climate on the matter of
putting man into space. When that amount of
time had to be given over to cosmo-astronauts,
other sections had to be foreshortened.

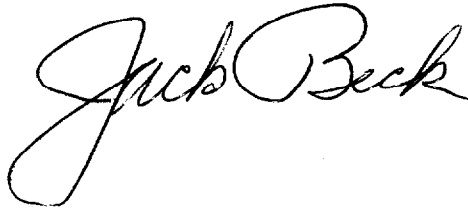
It seemed to me that you remarked to me
that the principal reason you were interested
in working with us was to spur public and official
recognition of the need for emphasis on the
development of experimental gear to parallel our
booster work. That's why I chose the Mars
sampler and the possibilities you felt inherent
in Jupiter rather than some of the theories on
the origin of life. From the reaction, I
gather it was successful at least so far as the
public is concerned.

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Now we go forward to a second effort - this one to range outside the solar system and deal in some detail with the operation of the Light and Radio telescopes. We may try to deal with the theories of life again - in which case I hope we have your permission to utilize other of the material discussed by you and Howard Smith.

Cordially,

JB/br

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Beck". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first name "Jack" and the last name "Beck" clearly legible.